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ON MEDIA OF NUCLEIC ACID PURIFICATION SYSTEMS

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant(s) hereby make of record the following additional document. A full copy of the document required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) accompany this statement.

Applicant(s) has become aware of the following European Opposition related to European Patent No. EP1563091, which is related to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submits this document for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants previously provided a copy of this European Opposition with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 20, 2009.

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